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From the American Union-A SHREWD WIFE:

Or an Unprofitable Trip to the Gold Regions.

"I think," said Mr. Dann, as he pushed back his chair from the breakfast table, and looked hard at his wife, a pretty little woman with large blue eyes, "I think I should like to go to California and try my luck. Do you think you could spare me for a year, Nelly?"

Mrs. Dana made no reply; she appeared to be very busy turning out a cup her husband would have noticed an uncommon tremulousness in her hand, as Mr. Dana ceased speaking.

"I think I might do well there," the husband continued, as though speaking

"Are you not doing well here on your farm?" the wife asked, at length.

"I'm making a living perhaps, but it's only by hard work. Now if I should go to California, and be lucky, why, we could have a great many more comforts than we are blessed with at present."

"We have everything that we could wish for to make us contented, and I'm sure I sigh for no luxuries, excepting what we can well afford," Mrs. Dana re-

"Yes, we have enough to cat, and clothes to wear, but we can't buy lots of good furniture, and have a piano, like squire Bolton. Darn it, I want to be as rich as be is, and then I should be contented," said Mr. Dana, rising from his chair and walking back and forth in the kitchen with energy.

"Mr. Bolton is far from being happy, with all his wealth," said his wife.

"Well, I know that; but then whe could be contented with such a wife as he has? She's either crazy half the time, er clac-"

"Hush!" eried Mrs. Dana, with a reproxehlul look, "remember that if she bas faults, so have we all."

"But what I meant, Nelly, is, that if he had such a wife as I've got, and with his wealth he couldn't help being happy." "And yet you want to leave a wife you think so highly of," Mrs. Dana said, with

comfort and benefit in the end. You loneliness of her condition. know, Nelly, that nothing in the world

The young wife strove hard to maintrån her composure, as she asked-

while gone? "I will get my youngest brother to come and live here and carry it on. You shall be left in full charge, Nelly, with power to do as you please."

"Give me a week to think of it," the wife replied, "at the end of that time I'll make up my mind whether to consent to

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your going or not." Mr. Dam was too well pleased to obtain even this concession, to argue any further that day, and after bidding his All his adventures might be written out, and was in hopes of getting back with the Cordilleras, the youthful mother of a Tree! We measured an enormous sugar this, the patient could not bring her mind; checked to a very considerable extent containing the latest news from Californin, he started off to his work.

the gold fever of 1848 and '49 broke out, thus prevent many a heart from mourn- the husband cried with admiration. sweeping of thousands of our most in- ing for the absent. dustrious mechanics and farmers, leaving Mr. Dana's fever got no better, and at of my stewardship as yet. You remem-

in some slow sailing tub, while others too in an oven. a man she would be tempted to go and frightful to contemplate.

try her luck.

able energy of mind. Ever since a child to accumulate a fortune.

permost in his mind. A company was and secured a passage for home. about to leave, and many of the young It was a cold blustering day in the you. names. Mr. Dana thought it would be a home. He pulled his cap over his eyes You can do nothing in future that I will scarcely anywhere a rock; the surface kansas, which, from its singular appear-

waste of time to help his feverish friend well cared for. The stone walls were "Thank you. But will you step into drawing their huge conical shapes on the nessed with a piece of old rope, made the the whole surface of the human body are to a cup of cold water, or to make him a repaired, and just as he was thinking that the parlor and see my latest trade?"

and received an answer that the steamer the railroad company had swindled her. months, and invested the proceeds in an would sail on a certain day, and that they He approached the house and knocked instrument that I knew you longed for, wife to accompany him to the lawyer's. since he left her.

vantage; I shall make money enough ness. while gone to buy a larger one when I "I am sorry that the railroad passes return. But I hardly think I shall live over our meadow," he said; "it renders skin. on the farm when I come back. We'll it almost useless." get one of the grand new houses in town, "They have the right of way, but it to roam again. He is perfectly satisfied and live like 'Squire Bolton,"

His wife thought at the time there she replied. might be a failure in his schemes; but "I don't suppose they paid you more he could if surrounded by all the gold The diameter of the top is by measureshe was hopeful; and would not say any- than one hundred dollars for the land." mines of California. thing to dash his bright anticipations.

The day of parting came, and with it They gave me twelve hundred dollars for tears and mournful looks; but it was not merely the right of way." until Dana left the house, never perhaps "I suppose they paid you in stock," "But you don't see that it is for your to return, that the young wife felt the Mr. Dana said, surprised that she had got

For a week or two she was low spirwould induce me to quit you, unless it ited and sad, but as she received letters part cash," the wife replied, trying not to Then our ruin is certain—is also just. was the hope of making a fortune in a from New York, written in a lively vein, look triumphant. short time. I wouldn't be gone longer and bidding her be of good cheer, as he and the stock, what is that worth, a not fit for, will pass from our hands, and than a year, and if I liked the country, certainly would rejoin her in the course mere song, I suppose?"

and reconciled to his absence. "And what will you do with the farm he narrowly escaped drowning, while as- uncertainty." cending the river; nor will we tell of his The husband was astonished. He had arrival at San Francisco, and departure received for a narrow strip of land as of men for present welfare, future probed of the river, and was quite fortunate, "And what did you do with the money, and so organize things and men that all until attacked by the fever and ague. Nelly?"

the gentle hand of his wife could wipe owned it?" give the world an account of his doings He had been unarried two years when serve as a warning to other husbands, and

many a hearthstone desolate, and many last the doctor said he had better seek a ber the forest of pines on the hill just a wife to mourn for her absent husband. change of climate, as he might shake him-back of the meadow?" How few have returned with their ansalf to death. Dana thought the same Dana nodded his assent. He was wonticipations fulfilled! Thousands who left thing, for it appeared to him when the dering what was to come now, the New England States, expecting to chills came on, that every bone in his "Well, there is no longer any forest Hemisphere, the Amazon and the Mississ- one might drive the largest load of tay win a competency in a short time, have body would be wrenched apart, and when there. I sold every tree just as it stood." been too giad to work their passage back the fever returned, he imagined himself "Why, who was fool enough to buy

aining a livelihood, and now determined to start for home. A team have wood to get up steam. They gave World of humanity, the commonwealth of by fire. There time is therefore shortrest from their cares and troubles by the bank of some river with nothing but a bank of some river with nothing but a rude board to mark their grave. A while after she the cold wind chilled her in a moment.—

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Mr. Dana left his wife, she washed her

Only, and as soon as his resolution was of chopping down the trees, and I was infinite perfection, God—a church with. bring the smaller ones to their maximum formed, he engaged a passage, and sold glad to get rid of them for the purpose of out a bishop, a State without a king, a of growth. That a man instigated by Mr. Dana left his wife, she washed her off all his clothes, except enough to reach making a sheep pasture." dishes and put them away, and sat down home, and found that he was the master "A sheep pasture!" the husband cried to read the glowing accounts of the gold of a capital of only five hundred dollars, in astonishment. discoveries. The more she read the more she read the more after working in the mines for four "Yes, it makes a very fine one. I she will show the nations how divine a wards from the ground, (viz the Mothfascinated did she become, until she at months. To be sure, his sickness cost bought one hundred sheep, and then had thing a people can be made.

Twice during the forenoon did she pedetermined to live a farmer and die one, "That amounts to about one hundred of the company can reasonably wish we yet to see this Giant Mother still growing Georgy. "There, now, Clara—I call it ruse the paper, each time her idea of not if the Lord spared his life. He had seen and sixty dollars," said Mr. Dana, after a had rather left unsaid: nor can there up as before, bearing her fresh foliage, very previals of you. You promised mr. onsoming to her husband's departure enough of the gold mines, and as he was slight calculation. weaker, until she finally made up going in the cart, and joited over the unhad been, to leave a comfortable bome by that trade."

she had been obliged to labor, and by her The jolting of the cart may have ben- of the house." however, impair or detract from the nat- cisco he felt like a new man. He had a rived." ural modesty of a good woman's heart or mind to turn back and try it again, but he thought of his wife and nature and bargains to relate?" he asked.

men of the town were enrolling their middle of winter when Dana reached "What, after my warm welcome? by forest. There is no undergrowth, Main streets, a traveling party from Argood chance for him, as he would have to prevent being recognised, and then not approve of. Remember, Nelly, I've are as beautifully turned as if shaped by ance, at once drew a crowd. It consisted acquaintances to lend him a helping hand, started on foot for his own house. He returned poor in pocket, and none too a landscape gardener, and dotted all over of a father, mother, three children, and of any ordinary steam engine; but this in case he was taken sick. His wife tho't had heard from his wife but once since well in health." the same thing, and delighted her hus- he had been absent, and he hardly dared "I will take such excellent care of you not more various than any garden ever had a rude square box on it, capable of band by giving her consent to his go- to hope that she was well. He quick- that your health will be restored by grew. Moving along these surfaces, holding about a bushel, and a canvass matter of the system, to the extent of a They were not aware of the selfishness house in which he had spent so many absurd when you have a good farm and some silent valley, winding here among dragged the cart, having a strap over his hours. It must be apparent, then, that if exhibited in the gold regions, where each happy hours. He glanced over his farm a thousand dollars in the bank." man struggled for himself, and thought it and saw that everything appeared to be "Besides a treasure of a wife." mess of gruel to keep him from star- his wife and brother had done remarka- Dana followed his wife, and as she Mr. Dana's arrangements were seen den from Boston whizzed past, directly to a dark object in one corner of the pressions, we could think of nothing but mill was screwed on to the side of the person expresses himself as burning up. made. He had some money on hand, across his farm. He ground in anguish room. and with it he determined to cross the at the sight. His beautiful meadow was "A piano!" cried he, astonished. Isthmus, in company with his townsmen, ruined, he thought, and it was owing to "Yes, a good, well-toned piano. But creasing in size as we neared the place, Isthmus, in company with his townsmen, rumed, he thought, and it was owing to "Yes, a good, wen-toned plane. But the fine could make enough in a week's his wild goose chase for a fortune. His before you express surprise, let me tell before you express surprise. time after his arrival to pay his passage, wife could not be expected to know how you how I earned it. I sold all the but They wrote to engage steerage berths, to attend to such things, and he expected ter that I made during the last nine

must be promptly on the spot. This timidly at the door. It was opened, and and to tell the truth, I was rather anxnews caused the party to hurry their ar- there stood his wife, as handsome as ever, jous to own myself, but I never said so, rangements, and the day before they but she looked at him with surprise. He and until I found myself able, I never were to start, Mr. Dana requested his had forgotten that he had not shaved thought of buying one. Now, are you

"I'm going a long journey," he said, He spoke and held out his hand and and may be gone longer than I anticithen his arms. There was a shrick, and pate. I shall leave you the farm, to do then the latter were well filled. Two the parlor, as though Dana was kissing with it as you please. If you get tired hours afterwards they were talking seri- his wife. At any rate, when she again of carrying it on, sell it to the best ad- ously and solely upon matters of busi- entered the kitchen, her face looked un-

"There is where you are mistaken .-

so large a sum.

and thought you'd be contented there, I'd of a year, she became more composed "I sold mine the very day that I re-neck, and America will be there on the ceived it at an advance. It is not worth shore of the sea, one other victim who fell We will not follow him in the crowded so much per share now. I thought I had as the fool dieth. What a ruin it would steamship, nor cross the Isthmus, where better have the money than trust to an be? Come away-I cannot look even

which roasted him at one moment and "I took six bundred and bought the society, then what a prospect is before us! a seed of life begins to grow. Little did He would lie in his tent and wish that remember how you used to wish that you come! Ere long, her borders will em- of a parsnip seed, and looking more like

with blankets when shivering with cold. thought of the land when in California, America, youngest of nations, shall sit on it started the first sproutings of the Big advised its removal by an operation. To

in the land of gold. They will possibly placed at interest in the saving's bank." "You are the best wife in the State,"

"But I have not given a full account

pine wood?" Dana asked with a laugh.

last came to the conclusion that if she was him a large sum, and his doctor's bill was some left, which I added to that in the bank. Last summer I sold four hundred He started the next day for home. He pounds of wool at forty cents per pound:" tion is never to say anything which any come -O! it surpasses all contempt; and the above remonstrating with her.)-

Mrs. Dana was a woman of consider- and a loving wife, for the sake of trying "You are a better manager than I am, CEDARS OF CALIFORNIA. years has not been able to season through, Nelly. Hereafter you shall be the head

a knowledge of business, which did not, and by the time he reached San Frantented to resign, now that you have armense cedars of California, the greatest baseness of the human scamp."

A week had not passed before the love conquered. He went immediately "Yes," she replied with a slight hesi-

but perhaps it is one that will displease sprouting. He says :-

There was a peculiar sound heard in commonly flushed, as though her huband's rough beard had chafed her soft

A SUBLIME SPECTACLE.

BY THEODORE PARKER.

Shall America decide for wickedness, extend the dark places of the earth, filled "Yes, they gave me part stock and up fuller with the habitations of cruelty? The power of self-rule, which we were the halter of vengeance will gripe our in fancy on so foul a sight!

gress; for Christianity and Democracy, sprinkle every year on the earth, ever Warren's excellent treatise on the "Pre- as the result of exercise or subsidence of riches of either continent; and behind her, tact. before her, in either hand, all round and Many of the trees and all the largest At first I was disposed to divert her from A lady heard the cry of fire at midproud to return empty handed, have toiled the subject one day and the real result in the result of them that remain are greatly injured it, but recollecting the power of imagina and the subject one day and it was so near, and an instance of them that remain are greatly injured it, but recollecting the power of imagina and the subject one day and it was so near, and an instance of them that remain are greatly injured it, but recollecting the power of imagina and the subject one day and in the subject on community without a lord, a family with the infernal love of money, should have a smiling countenance, informed me she of a century later, she never saw a well the present, and progress for the future, the next, one hundred and twenty feet up. on examining for the turner it had disap-

themselves. less body, which the sun of two whole (Pouts.)-Pouch.

Rev. Dr. Bushnell, of Hartford, writes trees in the world. One of them, which "Then you have no more wonderful had been felled, he ascertained, by counting the grains of the stump, to be twelve THE ARKANSAS TRAVELER. hundred and eighty years old. When A Specimen of the Poor Whites of the surface of the human body, which in husband again alluded to the subject up- to the office of the steamship company, tancy. "I have made one more trade, Mahomet was at unner this tree was

> by myriads of flowers, more delicate, if hand cart. (They had a dog.) The cart ground, we seem in fact, to be riding leader (a tandem team.) Behind the through some vast Park. Indeed, after cart walked the mother, carrying the ba- the internal heat is prevented from passbly well, the train on which he had rid- opened the door, she pointed significantly we had seen the trees and taken their imto call it the park of the Lord Almighty. box, and a skillet, a few milk pans and a and then large draughts of water are The other trees we observed were in- little hedding were inside. western stope among the files of little gro cloth, and part of a pair of butternut- and there is a soft, pleasant feel and of the Big Tree Hotel between the two sentinels, which are 500 feet high, and stand only far enough apart for the narrow road to pass between. These were the first of the Washington cedars we had seen; it really seemed that we had never seen a tree before. And yet they were

> > only medium specimens.

Close by the house lay the first cut of

the Big Tree par eminence; the remainng part, or top, haf been split up and removed. Near this first cut stood the stump, about six feet high with an arbor mounted on the top, which had been quared down for this purpose, the posts of the arbor standing out in the line of the largest circuit at the ground, and the has not injured it as much as you think," that he can find more happiness on his space between them and the circuit of the farm, and in the society of his wife, than top filled in by a floor of short boards. ed along here now, d'ye hear?" ment twenty-five feet one way, and twenhave been started, ninety and no more. Is there, was there no other piece of ground but just this, in the whole world. that could fitly take the seeds of such a If we decide for the inalienable rights growth? Why have they never spread? the mind over the body, is well illustrated sensible and insensible. When we see

may share the labor and government of And what a starting it is, when such rich mowing of 'Squire Bolton's. You How populous, how rich will the land bebrace the hemisphere—how full of men! it than any other, imagine what it was so very hard that I considered any effort it is known to us only by a certain softthe gentle hand of his wife could wipe owned at the moisture from his brow or cover him Dana did remember well. He had If we are faithful to our duty, our day, going to do, what feelings to excite when to dissipate it by medicine to be vain, and ness of the skin, that is insensible perspi-"The other six hundred and fifty I Northern lakes, the Northern forest bounground it was six feet in diameter, and it plications of considerable activity were plant language, which cannot be mistaken, hand swells the Atlantic; the Pacific on beautiful with the white and two hundred and forty feet from the lilies of commerce, giving fragrance all ground it was six feet in dismeter? The round the world; while before her spreads top was gone, but it could not have been out the Southern land, from term firms to less three bundred and fifty feet high, and whether an application recommended to certain result. What then checks perthe isles of fire, blessed with the Saxon yet this tree was only eighteen feer in her would, in my opinion, be safe. This spiration? A draft of air while we are mind and conscience, heart and soul; and diameter where the Big Tree was twenunderneath her eye, into the lap of the ty-five. If the Big Tree were hollowed, man three times to the diseased part. ing wet and remaining at rest while it is ippi-classic rivers of freedom-pour the through it without even a brush of con-

no holder of slaves. With welfare for cut down the biggest of them, and skinned had used this remody, and no other; and day. er) that he might show or sell the back of her body, both sound as a rock at the LITTLE DUCKS .- SCENE (Clara tak-

dead as it is and weather-cracked withfrom California to the New York In- out-it is a sight so grand as almost to cause of sickness, disease and death, to contact with the world she had acquired efitted him, for the fever rapidly left him, "Thank you, but I am perfectly con-dependent a graphic account of the im-

The man was a tall, gannt, bony Kencolored Kentucky jean trowsers. We warmth about it. But when the pores say part of a pair, for the seat was gone. are closed, the skin feels barsh, and hot, The woman had on a butternut-colored and dry. gown and a sun-bonnet. She sat down But another result fellows the closing the rest to his "old woman."

diameter, at the ground was thirty-one In answer to our enquiries, they said by, he is cured at once. It is familiar to feet. They are all included in a space they were natives of Bath County, Ken. the commonest observer, that in all ordiof fifty acres, and are only about ninety tucky-had emigrated thence to the nary forms of disease, the patient begins in number. The ground occupied is a White River county in Arkansus, but it to get better the moment he begins to rich wet bottom, and the foot of the moist was too hot there, and last fall they set perspire, simply because the internal northern slope adjacent, covered also with out for Ohio, and had been traveling ever heat is passing off and there is an outlet an undergrowth, why are they here, just since-had come the whole distance over for the waste of the system. Thus it is here, and no where else? This, I confess, land. The woman said they slept out that one of the most important means for is to me the greatest, strangest wonder of doors-hadn't been inside of a house for curing all sickness, is bodily cleanliness. all, that no where in the whole earth is more than two months. The man said which is simply relieving the mouths of there another known example of these he meant to go on till he got to Ohio, these little pores, of that gum and dust Anakims of the forest, ninety seeds alone He evidently had a little idea of where he and oil which clogs them up. Thus it is

The Power of Imagination.

The mysterious influence exercised by the world over, experiment, if not thought dangerous. - the death of multitudes.

One of the best rules in conversa- heart, and good for a thousand years to ling a sea-bath, and Georgy standing on in would give it.

"Precisely, without counting the in- for which people meet together, than to make any deaft of air pumps in the deep masses of her bark actly an hour and twenty minutes."

perfectly sheltered from any deaft of air what a ninny he crease of lambs, I think I did very well part unsatisfied with each other and pumps in the deep masses of her bark.

Checked Perspiration.

Cheeked perspiration is the fruitful

ly generated within the human body, by the elemical disorganization, the combustion, of the food we unt. There are seven millions of tubes or pores on the health are constantly open, conveying Yesterday, between 12 and 1 o'clock, from the system by what is called insen-"It is forest, yet nothing that we mean there halted at the corner of Fourth and sible perspiration, this internal heat, insensible perspiration carries with it, in ened his pace, and came in sight of the spring, and as for being poor, why that is rounding over a hill, or galloping through cover bent over three hoops. The father pound or two or more every twenty-four the native oaks easting their round shad-shoulder for a horse collar, and the oldest the pores of the skin are closed, if the ows, and here among all pines and cedars boy (about 8 years of age) similarly har- multitude of valves which are placed over

swallowed to quench the internal firethis we call "fever." When the warm

on the door-step of Messrs. Bradley's of the pores of the skin, and more immeewelry store to rest. Persons passing, diately dangerous; a main outlet for the commiserating their condition, handed waste of the body is closed; it re-minthem some fifty cents, and some a dollar gies with the blood, which, in a few hours, note, till the father got frightened at it, becomes impure, and begins to generate and determined to move on, to avoid too disease in every fibre of the system-the much money thrust upon them. He whole machinery of the man becomes at wrapped a few of the notes around the once disordered, and he expresses himshafts of his cart, where he held them to self as "feeling miserable." The terrimake it easier for his hands, and gave ble effects of checked perspiration of a dog, who sweats only by his tongue, is As they started, she insisted on put- evinced by his becoming "mad." The ting the baby into the cart. She said, water runs in streams from a dog's mouth "I will not gwine to kerry him bar head- in summer, if exercising freely. If it censes to run, that is hydrophobia. It "You may talk about the old country," has been asserted by a French physician, said a German, "but that beats all the that if a person suffering under hydrophobia can only be made to perspire fre also, that personal cleardiness is one of the main elements of health-thus it is that filth and disease habitgate together

There are two kinds of perspiration, servation of Health:" "Sometime since fever, that is sensible perspiration, pera female presented herself to me, with a spiration recognised by the sense of sight. of an egg, had lasted two years, and was ter drops, when no moisture is felt, when directed to be made to the part, and these when a man is swenting freely, and it is and with some hesitation, begged to know sudden and painful sickness is a very One of her neighbors now lay dead, and so. Getting out of a warm bed and goshe had an opportunity of trying the ing to an open door or window has been

thing in the street, leaning her unprotected arms on the stone window-sill, which was damp and cold. She became an invalid, and will remain so for life.

The great practical lesson which we wish to impress upon the mind of the reader, is this: When you are perspiring freely, keep in motion until you get to a whatever .- Hall's Journal of Health,